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- * Arizona Symphonic Winds concerts continue, See page 2

PAUL'S NOTE

I'm starting this week's note with a bit of family pride. Many of you know that my mother, Marjorie Fisher Cunningham is an attorney here in town, but also is an amateur historian. She combined both with an article she wrote for this month's Arizona Attorney, the magazine of the State Bar Association.

In it, she tells the story of Anna Woffenden, a Tucson woman in the 1870's who had a long standing fight in the courts to protect her rights to own property separate from her husband. The fight between Anna and her husband Richard waged for years in the courts, but the courts finally came to the conclusion that a woman doesn't lose her rights to own property just because she got married. This from the decision in Woffenden v Woofenden in 1875:

"We are certain that the presumption contended for by counsel that a woman of mature years...ceases to know from the day of her marriage to know what she is doing in the execution of a conveyance until ad-

vised...should no longer obtain in a court of justice..."

Not exactly the most radical concept today, but remember that this was in an era when women had the right to vote in only two territories, Utah and Wyoming. Arizona wouldn't recognize women's suffrage until statehood in 1912, but a decision like this shows that the people that ran Arizona Territory could be quite forward thinking in those days. Some of our state's leaders today could learn a thing or two from them.

Thank you, mom, for sharing this important piece of Arizona history.

The article is available online at http://www.azattorneymag/201406/

This weekend, I attended the graduation of Camp Fury. Camp Fury is a joint effort of Tucson Fire Department, Tucson Police Department, Sahuaro Girl Scout Council and Northwest Fire Department to get more young women interested in a firefighting career. Participants, all high school age, are part of a four day, three night residential camp that simulates life in a firehouse. The goal isn't only to recruit future fire fighters, but to give participants a positive leadership experience.

Many of the camp activities are presided over by squad leaders, who include volunteers from Tucson Fire and Tucson Police Department as well as cadets from the fire-fighting academy. So the camp also provides important leadership roles for our younger firefighters as well.

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In council news this week, we restored \$100,000 to support workforce development programs. I wrote a bit about JobPath last week, so you all understand how important it is to me to continue to fund workforce development.

Another issue was brought up at the table that has stuck in my craw for a long Page 2 Paul Cunningham

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time: the amount of money we spend on lobbyists at the state capitol. The consulting firm that we have doing it costs \$111,000 from our general fund. We also spend an additional \$100,000 on our membership in the Arizona League of Cities and Towns. When you add in salaries for our in house government relations staff, it's more than half a million we spend lobbying at the capitol.

It's important work, and there were bills that directly affected city government and our taxpayers. Having a voice up on West Washington is crucial. I wonder, though, how much of the effort is being duplicated. Many of the issues that our lobbyists worked on were also being addressed by the League, for example. How much of the work that we are contracting for could have been done by our in house staff?

I've voiced my concerns about outside consultants in the past. With our current budget issues, we need to, at the very least, evaluate whether we would get a better bargain doing these things in house.

City pools are open, so no excuse not to stay cool. See you next week.

ARIZONA SYMPHONIC WINDS

Arizona Symphonic Winds is ending this year's concert series, their 25th year of free concerts at Udall Park. The concert will be held at the László Veres Amphitheater.

June 7—Cello Time with Ann Gratz: Featuring Tucson Symphony Orchestra's principal cellist Ann Gratz, who will be performing solos on "Hungarian Rhapsody" and Antonín Dvořák's "Waldesruhe."

SAVE-A-LIFE

The Ward 2 office continues to host Save-A-Life CPR and first aid classes. The classes cost \$50. To register, call Save-A-Life at 623-8484

- June 30, 12 pm—5 pm
- July 14, 12 pm—5 pm
- August 19, 12 pm—5 pm

Special July Class

On July 19, Save-A-Life will host a special community CPR and pet CPR class for only \$15.

HOUGHTON ROAD UPDATE

Broadway Intersection Improvements: Work started November 1, 2013, and should wrap up in June 2014=> updated to substantially complete July 2014, final wrap up with Park and Ride complete and Broadway to 22nd started- August 2014. Coordinate of the three projects is necessitating the minor change.

Leland Road off Broadway reopened on May 21. The 2 entrances to Safeway off Broadway will be closed, one at a time, once the sewer work is approved (see below)

The traffic was redirected to the new pavement on the west side of Houghton yesterday. This will allow us to complete work on the east side of Houghton.

Water line work is completed

The new sewer installation is completed, and we are waiting the final approval from the Wastewater Department. All the paperwork is submitted, and once it is approved we will remove the old sewer lines and close up the area.

Storm drain and catch basin work is ongoing in areas where traffic is not driving.

Waiting on the completion of the sewer work to install precast box culverts for cross drainage.

Asphalt demolition and grading will begin on the east side of Houghton south of Broadway on 5/29. Roadway grading will continue on the east side of Houghton north of Broadway.

Landscape irrigation is going in on the north west corner of the intersection.

Light pole installation is on hold, pending some work by TEP.

Broadway Intersection Park & Ride: This work will be starting in late June 2014

Final paperwork on the contract is wrapping up, and once the notice to proceed is issued, then the contractor will start work a few weeks after that. You will notice the contractor's trailer will be relocated right before this work starts.

Broadway Boulevard to 22nd Street: Utility relocations are in progress, with construction scheduled to start in July, pending utility relocations, and work at the intersection and Park and Ride. This project should take 18 months to complete.

All their barricading has been coordinated with our contractor, Borderland Construction, to keep traffic moving smoothly and with the least amount of confusion possible. We have asked them to be diligent with their dust control, and keeping their sites clean.

The artist selection panel has started their work on this project. They have narrowed the list of 30 artists down to three, whom they will interview for final selection today. We will keep you updated on the progress of the public art process, and let you know when the selected artist is available to meet with the public to discuss concepts for the art on this project. There are numerous art location opportunities throughout the project area.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

The Tucson/Pima County Household Hazardous Waste Program has changed the 2nd Saturday Outreach Collection to a "mobile" event. Every month, the collection event will be in a different neighborhood so that more Tucsonans will have easy access to the program. The 1st Saturday collection at the Eastside Service Center, 7575 E Speedway, will still continue. The collections run from 8 am to noon. For more information, visit www.tucsonaz.gov/hhw or call 888-6947

IMPORTANT: Do not drop off household hazardous waste at the Ward 2 Council Office. We have no way of storing it. Please wait until a scheduled monthly drop off.

1st Saturday: Eastside Service Center, 7575 E Speedway. Enter site by turning north on Prudence.

2nd Saturday: June: Clements Regional Center, 8155 E Poinciana Dr.

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UDALL CENTER PROGRAMS

The Carol West Senior Addition will host a Movie Matinee on Thursday, June 19th at 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$1.00 and space is limited.

Seniors will have an opportunity to participate in a trip to Mt. Lemmon on Thursday, June 26th. Departure from the Udall Center is 9:30 a.m. and return is at 3:00 p.m. The cost is \$6.00. Space is limited.

For more information or to sign up for any of the senior activities, contact the Carol West Senior Addition, 791-4121.

PARKS PROGRAMS

Leisure Classes: The Summer 2014 Program Guide and Class Catalog is available for at all Parks and Recreation facilities, including district offices, centers, and pools. The catalog is also available for viewing on line at www.ezeereg.com

The catalog has complete information on leisure classes, swim lessons, summer KIDCO, aquatics, sports programs, sports camps, registration, recreation center programs, and so much more.

Road Races: The events will include a 1 mile predict, 2K and 5K (distance may vary depending on location). The cost for adults is \$4.00 and children is \$3.00. Registration is on-site at 5:45 p.m. and the events begin at 6:30 p.m. Ribbons will be given to top finishers at each Track and Field Meet and Road Race. Contact the Sports Unit for questions or more information, 791-4870.

June 5, Reid Park, 22nd Street and Country Club, SW Corner

June 12, Ft. Lowell Park, 2900 N. Craycroft, NW Corner

June 19, Lower Lincoln Park, 8280 E. Escalante, Off Escalante

June 26, Udall, 7200 E. Tanque Verde, Main Entrance

July 3, Lakeside Park, 8300 E. Stella, East of Lake

July 10, Jesse Owens Park, 400 S. Sarnoff Drive, West Side

July 17, Freedom Park, 5000 E. 29th Street, South End

Arizona Symphonic Winds: The last in the Music in the Park concert series will take place in the Laszlo Veres Amphitheater in Udall Park (7200 E Tanque Verde Rd.) on June 7. Concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. *See page 2 for complete schedule.*

Tucson POPS: The Tucson POPS concerts will take place at the DeMeester Outdoor Performance Center in Reid Park on June 8 and 15. The concerts begin at 7:00 p.m.

Udall Field Closures: The Udall Soccer fields are closed for annual maintenance beginning April 28 through June 15. We thank the public for their patience during this time.

Summer Swim Schedule: Pools open for summer through July 30. Visit www.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec/aquatics for pool hours or call 791-4245.

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Tucsonaz.gov/ ward2 Remember to like Paul on Facebook! Please bring these items to the Ward 2 Office for the following charities:

THE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK—Non Perishable Items

DIAPER BANK OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA— Infant/Child/Adult Diapers

TIHAN - Personal Care Items for Individuals and Families in Need

LIONS CLUB—Eye Glasses

DANCING IN THE STREETS ARIZONA—Ballet/ Dance Equipment

CASA MARIA—Plastic bags

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

The next Mayor and Council meeting will be on Tuesday, June 17. Regular Session starts at 5:30 pm following an afternoon study session. There is always a short call to the audience before the business portion of the meeting. Council chambers are located downtown at 255 W Alameda.

The agendas for the meetings are posted online at http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/clerks/mcdocs

